First Congregational

United Church of Christ

111 S. Wallace Blvd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

January 16, 2022
10:00 am

“Extravagant Sign”

Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
Second Sunday after Epiphany

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- **Our Hybrid Worship Services are currently on a temporary pause.**
- **We will be worshiping on Zoom only through February 13, 2022 due to the Omicron surge.**
- **At that time, Church Council will re-evaluate whether to continue Zoom only worship or return to Hybrid Worship.**
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **ERIC BANITT**

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- All people are invited to participate in this community of faith, regardless of their identities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DONNA EYSTER**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader will introduce **ELLIE GUSMAN, Greeter.**
  - **Ellie** will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Sing a Different Song"
150 NCH

CALL TO WORSHIP **DONNA EYSTER**

Leader: Our Mother-Father-Creator God has made us to be One Body with many members.

People: United and uniting. This is our calling.

Leader: God calls us to share our diverse gifts activated by the one and same Spirit.

People: United and uniting. This is our redemption.

Leader: God longs for us to be united in love and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

People: United and uniting. This is our worship.

Leader: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship to our Holy God

People: who challenges us and calls us to create *the Beloved Community*.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"
154 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 36:5-10**
I Corinthians 12:4-6 **DONNA EYSTER**

SECOND READING **John 2:1-11** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
282 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Extravagant Sign"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison) *Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Our creator, who lives in heaven, lover of all peoples on earth,
giver of great mercy, honored is your name.
Grant us the ability to discern your will and to do it.
Help us protect and provide for all who are hungry and homeless.
Forgive us for looking for a fight instead of seeking the path of peace.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Let us not seek revenge, but forgiveness.
Let us not delight in winning, but in justice.
Let us not give in to pride, but to prayer.
For yours is the kin-dom of friendship and love. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Or, checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **ERIC BANITT**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" 136 NCH

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy meek and mild.
New life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DONNA EYSTER**

O God, we commit to use all our gifts – wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, administration, hospitality, and finances – in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other *for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream.* Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
593 NCH

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Depart to serve, strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Use the wisdom, faith, and knowledge you received.

People: We cannot rest in God's care or keep silent. The love of God must be lived and shared.

Leader: Go for the with praise on your lips. The steadfast love of God will light your paths.

People: We want to offer celebration and hope to others. Daily, we will seek inspiration for this joyous task.

Leader: Reach out as listening, caring, healing people.

People: Your love will become a miracle for someone in need.

Leader: We pray that God will keep us open to further learning. May our hospitality attract others to Christ. Amen.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated **ERIC BANITT**

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Eric Banitt, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern
Donna Eyster, Worship Leader
Ellie Gusman, Greeter
Marty Kleino, Bell Ringer
Wayne Burling, Technical Worship Coordinator

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- **Call to Worship and Prayer of Dedication:** Adapted from *Creating the Beloved Community*. Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday was written by the Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson, Founder and Director of the Center for Spiritual Light, New York City. Phrases from the speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. have been woven into the prayer texts. They are identified by italics. Texts of King's work are available in *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.,* edited *by James M. Washington;* © 1986 Coretta Scott King. A brief essay on King's understanding of the term *"Beloved Community"* is available at http://www.wilpf.org/mlksbelovedcommunity. Justice and Local Church Ministries, Faith INFO Ministry Team, United Church of Christ. Ucc.org/worship-ways
- **Disciples Prayer:** Adapted from "The Lord's Prayer in Time of War" by Wendy Lyons.
- **Benediction:** Adapted from *Gathered by Love* by Lavon Bayler.
- **Hymn Profiles:** *The New Century Hymnal Companion.* Pilgrim Press 1999 & *Chicago Tribune,* 8/16/2002

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hybrid Worship Pause: At the January 11, 2022 Church Council Meeting, it was decided to go to Zoom only worship through Sunday, February 11 due to the current coronavirus surge. Church Council will evaluate continuing Zoom only or returning to Hybrid worship at their February 8 meeting.

Worship next week: Ellie Gusman, Worship Leader; Jenn Zibbell, Greeter. Interested in serving as a Worship Leader or Greeter, contact Margaret Harner, Liturgical Worship Leader at margaretsharner@gmail.com

Welcome Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown! Dan will be serving as our guest preacher on January 30, 2022. **Thank you, Dan,** for the generous sharing of your time, talent and gifts!

Take Them A Meal: At the request of Ann Marie Nicoll-Turner, a "Take Them A Meal" sign up sheet has been created for Patrick O'Brien and Chris Hale to welcome in a Happy New Year. If you order from "Take Them A Meal," make something at home, or order from a restaurant, please enter that information on this form so we all will be able to see where any gaps in the sign-up might occur. Also, please check with Marty Kleino (734-262-1419 or mgkleino@gmail.com), Congregational Life Team Lead, about his availability to deliver food items to Patrick and Chris for you.

Patrick's meal link is: https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=HXQM5882 (Password 9186)

Chris's meal link is: https://www.takethemameal.com/EKKN1594 (Password 4819)

Thanks, everyone, for your thoughtfulness and generosity as we wish Chris and Patrick a very Happy and Healthy 2022!

Support of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Night Staff during Covid-19 Surge Thanks to your generosity, Chaplain Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown, who is serving on the night shift at St. Joes Hospital Ann Arbor, has already received a good supply of eco-friendly coffee cups/lids and individually wrapped candy/snacks for the overwhelmed clinical staff who care for severely ill hospitalized patients. However, he still needs donations of local coffee ground for auto drip. Please check with Dan to find out the preferred coffee brands and flavors before purchasing. If you are interested in helping with this critical need, please contact Dan at 517-240-8413 or via email at mcq188@gmail.com. In addition, Marty Kleino (734-262-1419 or mgkleino@gmail.com), Congregational Life Team Lead, has volunteered to drop off your donations to St. Joes. **Thank you Dan and Marty!**

New Worship Team Meeting Time: Mondays from 11:30 am to noon on Zoom. If you have a role in leading worship (Worship Leader, Greeter, Guest Preacher, etc.—or are just someone interested in seeing how the cake is baked), please join in our lively conversation by attending this meeting and sharing your creativity, ideas and feedback. **Thank you to Core Worship Team Members (Tiffanie Waldron: Music Director, Donna Eyster: Moderator, Margaret Harner: Liturgical Worship Coordinator, Wayne Burling: Technical Worship Coordinator, and Jenn Zibbell: Seminary Intern** for collaborating to come to agreement on a ½ hour Mon/Tues timeframe during which we can regularly meet to do this important work.

Annual Meeting of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC will be held Sunday, February 6, on Zoom, to convene following Friendship. EVERYONE is encouraged to stay for the meeting. ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TO PATTY BY 1-17.

Church Council Meeting, TUESDAY, 2/8/22, 6:00pm on Zoom (Donna Eyster)
Council meetings are scheduled the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Kroger Fundraiser: Have you registered your Kroger card? We get a small check every quarter for purchases made using your card when it's registered. It's a simple process. Go to Kroger.com and click "**Register**" and follow the prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83262**, or you can find our name in the drop-down list. Any Questions: contact Barbara Garland at bargarland@yahoo.com or 734-662-5803.

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Lift Every Voice and Sing is considered by many as the *Black National Anthem.* James Weldon Johnson was a public school teacher and principal in Jacksonville, FL. He wrote this for a celebration commemorating Abraham Lincoln's birthday 2/12/1921. It was first performed by school children.

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) was a multit-talented poet, lawyer, and diplomat, serving as the 1st national executive secretary of the NAACP (National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People). He also founded the 1st African American newspaper, the *Daily Journal.*

J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) composed this tune for his brother's text. He performed on stage, composed and directed musicals. From 1896-1908 he served as supervisor of music for the public school system in Jacksonville, FL. Collection African American music was his lifelong pursuit.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit was written by a slave-poet unknown to us today. The 1st stanza recalls Moses' experience on the mountaintop when he received the Ten Commandments; the 2nd stanza alludes to baptism in the Joran River and the *heavenly train*.

This is one of a group of African American spirituals that captures the power of the Spirit to strengthen and invigorate each individual. The theme derived from African beliefs in spirit possession which were reinterpreted in a Christian context by the enslaved brought to North America.

This spiritual was a favorite of Abraham Lincoln and he was known to have sung along, on at least one occasion, during a concert.

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child is a traditional African American Christmas song and demonstrates the strong rhythmic characteristics of the spiritual genre.

Jeffrey Radford arranged this hymn and wrote and arranged many hymns in the New Century Hymnal. Mr. Radford was the music director for 36 years at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Under his direction, the Trinity choirs sang throughout Chicago, in a dozen of U,S cities, and performed in Switzerland, Germany, Puerto Rico and Cuba. In 1995 he was part of the team that created the UCC New Century Hymnal with inclusive language and widened the inclusion of new hymns and hymns from around the world. He was instrumental in creating the UCC African American Hymnal.

Mr. Radford's father, a jazz musician, encouraged his son's musical interest. By age 10, Mr. Radford was studying piano. He was an adjunct faculty member at Chicago Theological Seminary and, after his death in 2002, received a posthumous Doctor of Divinity degree from CTS for his contributions to musical ministry.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION

The Coalition brings together Michigan Conference UCC churches that have declared themselves to be Open and Affirming of people of all gender identities. For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open & Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Wayne Burling (734-377-0696). More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/onami). You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

150 Sing a Different Song

Isa. 9:2, 6–7; 42:10–11; Matt. 1:23

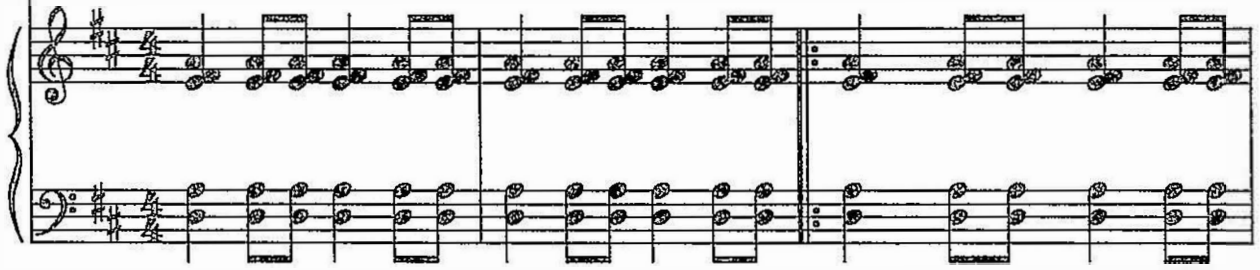
The Iona Community, 1987; alt.

Vigorously

D D

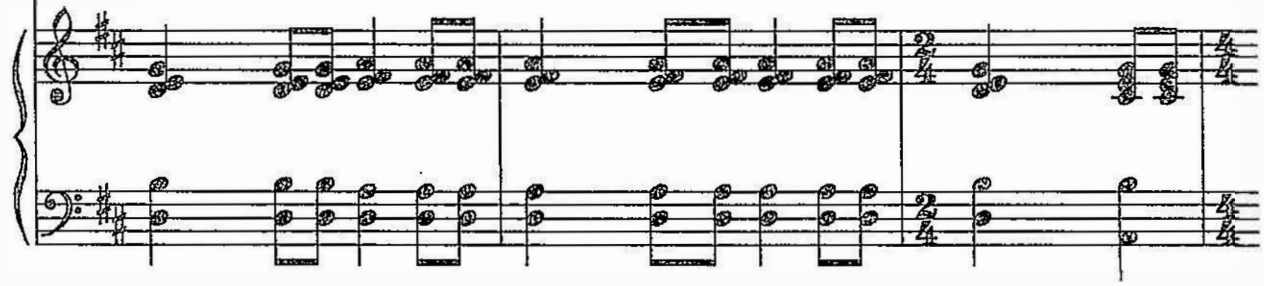
1 Sing a dif-ferent song now
2 Shout a dif-ferent shout now
3 Love a dif-ferent love now
4 Dance a dif-ferent dance now

(Introduction)



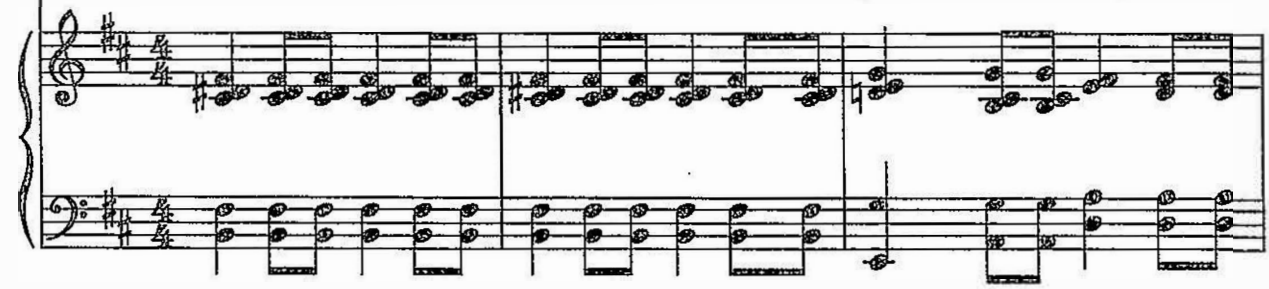
Em7/D D Em7 A7

Christ-mas is here, sing a song of peo-ple know-ing God's
Christ-mas is here, shout a shout of joy and gen - u - ine
Christ-mas is here, love with-out con-di - tion, love with - out
Christ-mas is here, dance a dance of war on suf - fering and



B Em7 A7 D

near: The Mes - si - ah is born in the
cheer: Fill the earth and the sky with the
fear: With the hum - ble and poor, with the
fear: Peace and jus - tice are one, in the



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GM7 A7 D Bm G D
face of our scorn, sing a dif-ferent song to
news from on high, shout a dif-ferent shout that
shy and un - sure, love a dif-ferent love. Let
light of the sun. Dance a dif-ferent dance. God's
1–3 4
Em7 A7 D D
wel-come and warn.
all may come by.
Christ be the cure!
reign has be - gun!
1–3 4

This lively new carol from The Iona Community of Scotland can be accompanied by drums and tambourines to enhance its dance-like quality. The text invites enthusiastic participation in celebrating the Christmas event.

Tune: DIFFERENT SONG 10.10.6.6.10.
John L. Bell, 1987

Go Tell It on the Mountain

154

African-American spiritual
Arr. John W. Work II, 1907

Luke 2:8–20; Isa. 18:3; 52:7

Refrain
G D7 G
Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hill and ev - ery - where.
Last time, end
G Em C G/D D7 G
Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!
G D7 G
1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,
to Refrain
G A7 D7
Be - hold through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

This is one of the few spirituals heard inside as well as outside African-American churches. It was adapted by John Wesley Work II, who is remembered as the director of the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University.

Tune: African-American spiritual
Adapt. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

282 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain
Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov-ing in my heart I will
pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing
Last time, end
in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor-dan riv - er, chil - ly and
spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly
to Refrain
round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

Among the thousands of spirituals that exist today are songs of gladness and songs of sorrow. This well-known spiritual is a song of joy, captured not only in the words, but in the lively rhythms.

Tune: African-American spiritual
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

593 Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has
brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your
might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as U.S. consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua. He collaborated with his composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to write Broadway operettas and edit song collections. John appeared in vaudeville, directed London musicals, and headed the Music School Settlement in New York.

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE Irr.
J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

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faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the
hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
wine of the world, for - get you; Shad-owed be -
ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our
on till vic - to - ry is won.
gleam of our bright star is cast.
God, true to our na - tive land.